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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

(EXECUTIVE MEMORY FILE)

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Enclosure

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Chief of Naval Personnel  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

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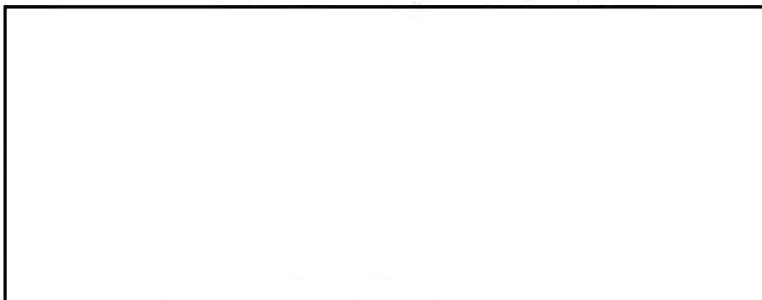
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Thank you for your letter of 3 January regarding the record of your performance while detailed to this Agency.

Since receiving your letter, I have had your records reviewed to ensure that all of your fitness reports and letters of appreciation received during your service with us had been transmitted to the Department of the Navy. I find that these materials were forwarded and have been duly acknowledged.

I am, of course, concerned that an officer's military career be in no way hindered by reason of service with this Agency and we have been especially careful in making sure that all pertinent information concerning the performance of such officers is made available to the appropriate service. On the other hand, however, the Agency does not interfere with the normal promotional practices of the service concerned.

Having confirmed that the appropriate materials concerning your service with us were transmitted to the Navy, I think it would be neither proper nor useful for me to reaffirm the fitness reports which have already been submitted.

I appreciated your writing to me about your problem and would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your important and valuable service to this Agency.

Sincerely,

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